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Kinnavy
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and these remarks. Claims 12-33 are currently pending. Applicant has deleted claims 1-11 without prejudice.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 and 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,642,398 to Tiedemann, Jr. et al. to Henry, Jr. et al. Claim 7 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tiedemann in view of United States Patent No. 6,577,608 to Moon et al. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejections set forth in the present office action. In particular, Applicant finds no bases for the rejection in Tiedemann as described in the Office Action. However, desiring to expedite the issuance of a patent for the present invention, Applicant has deleted the rejected claims. No remaining grounds for rejection or objection being given, the claims in their present form are asserted to be patentable over the prior art of record.

As the Applicant has overcome all substantive rejections and objections given by the Examiner and have complied with all requests properly presented by the Examiner, the Applicant contends that this Response overcomes the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

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